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Norm Weisman

FLASH! I just heard about the "meanest man in the world! He locked a woman in her room with a thousand (1,000) hats and no mirror! FLASH! The lovely Carol Cantor (of Ruthie and Morrie Cantor) is happy with her "new" name, Mrs. Elliott Kominsky, via the marriage route Saturday night, Nov. 19. The wedding was in Hill Side, N.J. — honeymooning at Epcot — and will live in Mountainside, N.J. The Arnold Chapliks and grandma Dora Chaplik were among the many who were in attendance for the happy occasion! Mazeltov to all!

FLASH! Happy birthday to Mike Silver, Nov. 27. Mike is very active and helpful to all organizations — a great community worker! A Chuckle! During a medical and eye examination, a tall husky Czeck, recruited by Ohio State, was asked if he could read the bottom line of the eye chart! "Read it" he said, "I played football with him!"

FLASH! Genial Mike Fogel was invited to dinner by several friends, who took him to Ralf's last weekend. But they slyly marched Mike to the back room where there was a quiet scene until Mike opened the door — and about 40 friends and relatives all yelled "Surprise - Happy Birthday"! What a bash! A funny? I still repeat, I'm for "shorter" hours — let's make them 45 minutes! (reminds me, that a congressman was touring the city and checking big "plants"! He asked one manager of a large company, "How many people do you have working here?" The answer was, "One out of ten"! True or false?)

FLASH! It will be this Saturday night, Dec. 3, 8 p.m., the wonderful City of Hope will have its Hanukkah Party! Their cute invitation read "meeting on the 4th Hanukkah Light (which is Saturday) — at Ralf's Deli, with potato latkes and all the trimmings! The Archie Aronstams, David Fogles and Ben Bornsteins are the genial hosts and promise a good time to all! Tell them that "Norm" sent you! (tee hee)

FLASH! Happy birthday to a grand guy (Nov. 17) Thomas Schneider! A truism! — Remember the good old days when baseball players shaved at home instead of on T.V.? Special! congrats to Ron Newmark (a great guy) who was elected as a member of the executive committee of the Indianapolis Area of the American Red Cross! To the N.F.L. (Not for Ladies) club at the Center — that was a wonderful health talk on the topic of "stress" and the questions and answers were educational and helpful! It was charming Judith Gustafson, a Clinical Social Worker, who made it an enjoyable 30 minutes! Come back, Judith!

This doesn't make sense — like the "falsie" manufacturer advertising, "beware of imitations"! Happy Anniversary to a popular couple, Lou and Bernice Schabler, Nov. 21 A ladies' "lament" — this year's fashions are gorgeous — TOO BAD I have last year's body!

FLASH! Fellows, don't tell Arnie Hanish, the new president of B'nai B'rith 58, that I "squealed", but Arnie's birthday is Dec. 9! Don't send gifts, but if you don't belong — join B'nai B'rith! He's a good guy and you will enjoy belonging to B'nai B'rith! Belated Happy Birthday, Nov. 17 to Dr. Harold Jaffee!

FLASH! Do you know that the Center has the finest health club in the country! It has everything to keep you healthy! Check it! Happy Anniversary to the Jerry Schlossbergs! Joke! A mid-western college is going to adopt a platoon football system: one for defense — one for offense — and one to attend classes.

FLASH! The tape of the complete show, "Ankles Away '83" is now available! Call Jack Fuhrer at 844-7480 and he will give you all the pertinent information and you can order one or more tapes at \$20.00 each! Talk to Jack! I say this — that the tape will be worth more than money in enjoyment and fun, for many many months and years! In the future, you could point out to your children, "there's grandma — there's grandpa — and there I am!" You will thank me! Remember, I'm only interested in our community!

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4 Ind. Congressmen Oppose Aid Bill

Four Indiana Congressmen voted against the Continuing Resolution in the House of Representatives providing \$2.61 billion in 1984 foreign aid to Israel.

They are John Hiler, Elwood Hillis, Andrew Jacobs, Jr. and John T. Myers.

The Resolution calls for \$1.7 billion in military aid, half of which is a grant, and \$910 million in grant economic assistance. The bill, which passed 262 to 150, contains approval for Israel to use American parts in the new Lavi fighter aircraft Israel will produce.

Hanukkah Dance At Beth-El Sunday

Beth-Zel Zedeck Men's Club and Sisterhood will host a Family Hanukkah Dinner, featuring a musical cantata based on the story of Noah, performed in the round at 5:30 p.m.

Participants in the production will include children from the synagogue school as well as the adult choir. Cantor Robert Zalkin is the musical director and Michael Blatt is stage director and choreographer.

Winter Retreat By IHC Dec. 9-10

The winter retreat of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will take place Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Goldman Union Camp. A fee of \$20 will provide for all meals, workshops and camp accommodations. Participants will join in dialogues on topics dealing with Israel, God and themselves.

Dedication At IHC Of Expanded Chapel

The expanded chapel will be dedicated at Erev Shabbat Hanukkah services at 8:15 p.m. Friday at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

The chapel is the first phase of the renovation and refurbishing project approved by the annual meeting of the congregation last May.

Death Of Elias Charry

Beth-El Zedeck Congregation records with sorrow the death of our beloved former spiritual leader and teacher, Rabbi Elias Charry.

Rabbi Charry served our congregation with enthusiasm and foresight for nearly a decade, during the years 1933 to 1942. Our historical record aptly states: "Only those who lived through the depression can understand the problems with which Rabbi Charry had to cope. For nine long years he labored with love in the vineyard of his congregation, so that the light kindled by Milton Steinberg would not be dimmed. He served his congregation with faithfulness and sincerity. Upon his departure (from Indianapolis) hundreds of souls, young and old, missed their friend and rabbi."

At this time our membership joins in extending condolences to his beloved wife, Ruth, and their children and family. Zekher tzaddik livrakah, the memory of the righteous is for a blessing.

Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso, and Hyman Calderon, president

Rabbi Elias Charry Dies; Served Beth-El Nine Years

News of the death of Rabbi Elias Charry, who served Temple Beth-El Zedeck as spiritual leader from 1933 to 1942 came as a shock to the Jewish community. He was 77 years old and had been in failing health.

Before coming to the pulpit here, he served a congregation in Youngstown, O. and had arrived here at the time that the late Daniel Frisch, Jacob Solotken, Bert Sicanoff and Robert Stolkin were president.

He left to take a pulpit in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia and built that congregation into one of the most significant in the East. He served the Germantown Jewish Center from 1942 until he retired a few years ago.

He was active in Jewish life wherever he was.

He was a vice president of the Ohio Valley Region of the Zionist Organization of America and served on the Governors Commission on Indiana Education.

In Philadelphia he established the Akiba Hebrew Academy, served on the board of Gratz College, was president of the Board of



RABBI ELIAS CHARRY

Rabbis and vice-president of the ZO district.

In the Conservative Movement, he was chairman of the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, was on the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and secretary of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, a son Rabbi Marim Charry, Woodmere, N.Y., and two daughters, Adina and Dana.

Hanukkah Happening For Jews By Choice

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's Mutual Support Network, Keshet, will sponsor a Hanukkah Happening for those who are new to Judaism and who wish to learn about the holiday. This informal workshop will allow the participants to say the blessings over the

candles, learn the history of the holiday, sing Hanukkah songs, spin the dreidle, and eat latkes.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 5411 N. Capitol Ave.

Please call Karen Mallov at 253-2063.

I Heard It On Thursday

Many Events Mark Max Shapiro's 80th Birthday

By GISELA WEISZ
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Gisela

HOLDING STRONG: Max Shapiro was 80 years old. The succession of parties started Wednesday. A traditional family Friday night dinner at Broadmoor was followed by lunch on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Max's own place, Shapiro's restaurant — the kosher style restaurant on the South Side, which is a landmark of Indianapolis — and on the same night a very elegant dinner reception was held for 41 members of the family at the new Skyline Club on the top of the AUL building.

The highlight of this evening was a big surprise. Lillian Selig, Cincinnati, daughter-in-law of Max's wife Ann, who calls Max "father," worked on a project for four months prior to this birthday celebration. Lillian wrote to other octogenarians, almost to everybody, who is anybody in the world, and asked them to write a letter to Max Shapiro and congratulate him on his 80th. She sent out 130 letters to different people around the globe. The letters started to pour in and Lillian posted

them one by one into a big album to be presented to Max as his birthday present.

It is being said, the bigger they are the nicer they are. And they were. Each of the writers took out time of their busy schedules to write and celebrate a fellow human being — a stranger — who prevailed on life's long and arduous road and reached his 80th birthday.

Her Majesty, the Queen Mother of England, wrote a beautiful letter. Leading rabbis Rabbi Magnum, Rabbi Friedlander, the Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, all wrote. Bob Hope, as well as the mother of Steve McQueen; Ralph Bellamy, George Abbott, Lawrence Welk, Herman B. Wells, the Chancellor of Indiana University; the chairman of the board of American Express Company, Don Loeb; many movie stars, politicians and people of importance, all have their letters bound in Lillian's collection.

George Burns, the perpetually young comedian wrote: "That's the big day, Hah? When I was 80 I had the 'Cupid's Vendetta.' That was a very good year...The secret of any age is to stay young at heart. But when you reach

our age-category, sex is still all right — as long as you don't inhale. Stay well, kid, have a wonderful day, and oh, by the way, have a happy birthday!"

NUPTIAL: Mimi Loeb and Martin Kochman were married three weeks ago. Congratulations!

SELLER: Fran Lazeroov did it again. She, who works with F. C. Tucker company, sold 2 million dollars worth of real estate this year.

GREAT DAY FOR ASCENDANTS: Grandparents are precious people. That was the premise of the Hebrew Academy second annual Grandparents' Day. The school and Parents' Auxiliary worked diligently to make this day a bigger success than the one last year. They succeeded. Grandparents came in from all parts of the country to celebrate Thanksgiving with their offsprings. On Nov. 18, the doors of the Hebrew Academy opened and a crowd of 130 started to file in for entertainment and a delicious home-made turkey dinner.

After lunch came the highlight of the day, giving out prizes to the winning grand-

parents. Blue ribbon recipients were Harry Brodey, who can drive a Greyhound bus, he got the Easy Rider Award; Kvelling Award went to Betty Moser, who has the most great-grandchildren (4); Rose Slayfin received the Youngest Grandchild Award — her grandchild was one week old; the Most Musically Minded Grandparent's Award went to Edna Halderman, who plays harmonica; The Neatest Nickname Award winner was Bernice Goldsmith, with the nickname 'Spitfire'; Small World Award recipient was Harry Schwartz, who traveled 1200 miles to attend Grandparents' Day; Most Peculiar Pet Award recipient were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matekunas — they own a monkey; Gift of Gab winner was Chassida Levi, who speaks five languages; Above Average Avocation Award winner was Wilfredo Rios, a 100-mile marathoner; Not Getting Older, But Better Award winner was Hannah Hasten, 88 years old; Small, But Mighty Award winner was Bertha Wechsler — all have grandchildren, or great-grandchildren at the Academy.



THE PARTIES THAT

WERE: Caryn Frisch's Nov. 12 wedding to Rudi Scheidt was surrounded by many parties. The groom's parents, Honey and Rudi Scheidt, Memphis, gave a Friday night sit-down dinner at Broadmoor. Speeches were made by the groomsmen, and by the bride's uncle, Jack Frisch and her brother, Daniel Frisch. Al Cobine's band played big band songs. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stern, Memphis; Sam Kuwata, Osaka, Japan, Mr. S. Shiot, Kobe, Japan; Barbara and Sidney Newburger, Atlanta; Bert and Sam Fine, Atlanta; Julian Hohenberg, Memphis, Susan Frisch, Manhattan, were among the guests.

Fourteen families hosted a luncheon for 110 in the Highland Country Club for out-of-town guests. Hosts were Sorrelle and Steven Ancel, Lorna and Dr. Harold Aron, Rita and Leonard Berman, Sharon and Jay Doner, Myra and Dr. Charles Echi, Sandy and Dr. David Goldenberg, Nancy and Dr. Gerrold Goldsmith, Natalie and Martin Kroot, Sarann and Stanley Klain, Barbara and Norman Liebschutz, Harriet and Jim Mossler, Marlene Posner, Francine and Dr. Gabriel Rosenberg and Charlotte and Joseph Zuckerberg.

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On West Bank Issue

U.S. Jewish Leaders Speak Out Bluntly

JERUSALEM — Six American Jewish leaders took their views on occupation of the West Bank right to the head office as they participated here in the four-day sessions of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

Philip Klutznick put it bluntly on the question of the right to speak out on issues affecting Israel:

"IF YOU LISTEN to us when we speak good of Israel, then you must listen to us when we speak ill," Philip M. Klutznick, a former Secretary of Commerce, said in a speech before a group of Israeli Members of Parliament. "Otherwise we will lose our credibility, and the American Government will not listen to us at all."

That theme, repeated in meetings and seminars at this second annual gathering, is that the Israeli Government should neither take foreign Jews for granted nor try to muzzle them when they disagree with Israeli policy. Jews outside Israel, one speaker after another argued, have a right and a duty to express their views, even when they criticize Israeli actions.

"AS AMERICANS," said Seymour Martin Lipset, the political scientist, "we have no hesitation interfering in the affairs of states like Costa Rica. But when it comes to Israel, it is always a special case."

Mr. Klutznick and other speakers argued that this attitude was changing and that American Jews were finding their voice.

"I have ceased feeling that I have to speak out in defense of dissent," said Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, vice president of the World Jewish Congress and a prominent critic of the Likud Government policies.

"THE NORTH AMERICAN Jewish community at this moment is 2-to-1 opposed to the creeping or galloping annexation of the West Bank," Rabbi Hertzberg said.

The rabbi offered no specific support for his



Hertzberg



Klutznick



Lipset

statement, but Professor Lipset said recent public-opinion polls taken among American Jews indicated that nearly two-thirds favored returning occupied Arab territories in exchange for peace.

Former MK Arie Eliav said that about half of the public and 40 percent of MKs "in their hearts" support the principles that the Palestinian issue is central to reaching a Middle East peace, that all West Bank settlement should immediately cease and that a compromise should be reached with the Arabs by re-dividing Eretz Yisrael.

ELIAV SPOKE AT A PRESS conference. He is chairman of the Center's board of trustees. He said that 30 MKs — from Shinui, the Alignment and the National Religious Party — have openly signed a declaration supporting the three mentioned principles, but he believes there are more "closet doves" in the Knesset — even in the Likud — who support them.

Labor MK Aharon Harel, who appeared at the press conference along with MK Shulamit Aloni, said that those active in the Center are much more representative of the views of the late David Ben-Gurion than is the B-G circle of the Labor Party, in that "we are willing to give up parts of Eretz Yisrael for peace, and that, as a chosen people, we respect our neighbors and are unwilling to be a conquering nation."

Agreement Just Short Of A Treaty

WASHINGTON, D.C. — What could be a landmark occasion took place here Monday and Tuesday as Israel's two top leaders — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens — and President Reagan arrived at a number of crucial decisions affecting peace in the Middle East.

There was common knowledge that the stage was set for agreement between the two nations who have a common interest in peace in the area of the world which has been unsettled by frequent wars and internecine fights among the Arabs.

THE PROSPECTS were for reaching a Strategic Co-operation agreement that would make Israel the staging grounds for any eruption of hostilities in the Middle East

in which the United States would be involved. Israel would welcome such a step which was contemplated before Israel claimed the Golan Heights, but now the terms will probably show much more investment of strength by the United States than was considered at that time.

There is also a good chance that Jordan is ready to join in negotiations on the West Bank. With Yasir Arafat continuing to suffer setbacks, that hurdle has been eliminated, and it is considered that King Hussein is just about ready to take the long delayed decision.

THAT LEAVES the Lebanon question, and what is proposed in strengthening Israel's position is thought to be a factor affecting Syria's stance. With the United States and

Israel cooperating that much, the message to Syria (and through Syria to Russia) is that force will be met with force. How this will persuade Syria to withdraw from Lebanon is the question, but at least Syria will understand that terrorism will not be tolerated.

The fact that Moshe Arens is a former American and also represented Israel as Ambassador to the United States means that he is acutely aware of conditions here and cognizant of an unusual degree of public opinion in America. Shamir too has been to the United States, although not as Prime Minister, so it is felt that the talks had a head start in the right direction.

AMIN GEMAYEL, Lebanon's President, follows the Israeli pair on Thursday.

Quietest Session In Years

West Bank Issue Causes No Stir

ATLANTA — The resolutions session of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here was one of the most peaceful in years.

There were two issues which could have evoked bitter debate — discrimination against non-Orthodox rabbis in Israel and the question of settlements on the West Bank — but only one got to the floor and it was handled with skill and not a little understanding.

IT WAS THE WEST BANK issue.

The New Jewish Agenda had made a representation to the resolutions committee but it was heard politely, and rejected. Delegates representing New Jewish Agenda then proposed an amendment to the issue on peace in the Middle East. It read: "Israel could build on the gains it made at Camp David by refraining from actions such as the construction of settlements which lead toward the incorporation of the West Bank into Israel proper."

A tabling motion was made by Esther Leah Ritz, of Milwaukee, who is president of the Jewish Welfare Board and a vice president of the CJF. In calling for tabling, she gave some support to the backers of the proposed amendment by telling the delegates that "I personally feel that the settlements in the heavily populated Arab areas are an obstacle to peace. This is an issue on which the Jewish community is very deeply divided both here and in Israel."

IN ADDITION, THE CLAUSE "be flexible and open in terms of the negotiation process and not preclude any option that leads to peace," was added to the resolution as it was originally distributed. Backers of New Jewish Agenda contended that this was a plus effected by their efforts.

The resolutions committee also had before it a resolution calling for opposition to any change in the Law of Return which would bar those converted by Conservative and Reform rabbis from automatic Israel citizenship when they made aliyah. The resolution had been submitted by the Northwest Indiana Jewish Federation, but it was rejected by the resolutions committee.

ON THE QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION against Reform and Conservative rabbis in Israel, there was no attempt to bring that issue before the delegates despite the fact that at the biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations the previous week the Reform Movement had called on the CJF to exert "pressure" on the Government of Israel to end "discrimination against non-Orthodox Judaism."

An attempt by The Post and Opinion to learn why no effort in that direction had been made by the Reform movement here was not productive.

At the G.A. last year a committee which had been investigating religious pluralism in Israel for two years made its report, which chairman Epstein told the delegates there was no consensus for the CJF to get involved. In a vote there was an unexpectedly large (P-O, Nov. 19, '82) number of delegates who indicated rejection of the report, thereby showing their disagreement with the action of the committee.

Few Changes Made In Passion Play

NEW YORK — The ongoing years-old battle between the Jewish community and the producers of the Oberammergau Passion Play will continue as the ADL expressed its dissatisfaction with five changes in the script to make it less anti-Semitic of the 28 that had been submitted. The changes were recommended by two Christian scholars of Temple University.

"The production presently being prepared will offer audiences a view of Christianity

transmitting not love, but anti-Semitic prejudice," stated Theodore Freedman, director of ADL's Intergroup Affairs Division.

The Oberammergau pageant, staged by the Bavarian village since 1634, has become a major attraction for millions of visitors and village leaders are hoping that the special anniversary staging, to run from May to September, 1984, will break all previous attendance records.

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World-Class Judo Expert, But Fame Is Eluding Him

By HARVEY ROSEN

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and world class judo competitor Mark Berger share a common goal.



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Both wish to be taken seriously in their present endeavors and members of the mass media prefer to dwell on more sensationalistic aspects of their lives.

The national leader of Canada has been on a journey to attempt to promote world peace at a time when their is an everpresent threat of nuclear holocaust. Instead, members of the press prefer to dwell upon his impending divorce from wife Maggie.

Berger, a Russian Jew who lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, is ranked in the top 10 of heavy-weight judo performers in the world and recently received international attention... but for the wrong reasons.

The former member of the Soviet national team and a native of the Ukraine who came to Canada in 1976 had in October initially been denied a visa by Russian officials which would have prevented him from competing in the world judo championships in Moscow. This despite the fact that Berger carries a valid Canadian passport issued in 1981 and that the rules state that anyone regardless of ethnic or political affiliations may be participants in the event.

Like many East Bloc countries, the Soviet Union never acknowledges a change of nationality by natives who have emigrated and claims that once they return to Russia they resume their status as Soviet citizens.

It's past history now that at the eleventh hour under the threat of having the competition withdrawn from Moscow that the Soviets reneged and issued

Berger a visa.

"My telephone rang day and night because of the visa problems," informed Berger who has won innumerable gold medals for judo, including the 1982 U.S. Open, 1981 Macabiah Games, the '83 Pan American, and several other national titles.

An understandably disappointed Berger feels that despite his achievements, he has gained a minimum of recognition in the North American sports world. "It's not a pro sport," he imparted. "Canadian mass media don't spend much time covering it. In Europe it's just the opposite. 'In America it's baseball, football, and basketball,'" added the 6'1", 260 pounder.

Berger was satisfied with his performance while in Russia in October. "I fought well," he cited in his thick Russian accent. "I won four fights and lost two, just finishing out of a bronze medal. 'I didn't have any problems over in Russia at all,'" he informed. He was not harrassed and was able to visit with old friends, relatives and competitors and coaches.

Mark's wife Tanya's parents are still in the Soviet Union as well as her aunt.

In the land of his birth he was a physical education instructor. When he came to Canada his credentials were not given equivalent status and he has been attending the University of Manitoba for several years.

Now, 29, he is a substitute teacher in Ukranian and physical education.

He works Saturday afternoons at the local YMHA giving judo classes to 6-10 year olds.

"In Russia to be a phys-ed teacher is a nice job," he said. "Every phys-ed teacher is proud. In the Soviet Union if you're a good athlete they try to help you find a job. They realize the time you put in for preparation and the time away

from family."

His mother and dad are also in Winnipeg.

Wife Tanya was also a phys-ed instructor in the Soviet Union and is now a part-time hairdresser.

If all goes well, Berger will be competing in the 1984 Olympics in 1984 since he has already been named to the team. Mark was on the 1980 Canadian Olympic team, but the Afghanistan invasion erased that opportunity.

He works out four hours a day. Some days more. "I also lift weights and run five to six times a week," he said.

Yes, Berger has put Canada on the map many times with his impressive judo performances around the world. And yet, proper recognition has eluded him because his sport is not a high profile one.

Dulzin Changes Tune On Dropouts And Doesn't Blame U.S. Jews

LONDON — If the reporter for the Jewish Chronicle of London was accurate, Leon Dulzin for the first time has not only dropped his theme song that Russia closed the gates for all practical purposes of Jewish emigration because the Jews did not proceed to Israel but continued on to the West.

Dulzin, who is chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel, speaking at the prasadium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry (P-O, Nov. 23) dismissed sug-

gestions that the drop out phenomenon had influenced Soviet policy on Jewish emigration, and added that "the Soviet authorities will always use that as an excuse, whatever the true reasons for cutting emigration."

Dulzin created the dropout issue in speeches not only in Israel, but also in America, and for several years fought unsuccessfully for the American Jewish community not to welcome Russian Jews unless they had first relatives in America.

Richard Fox Heads Jews For Reagan

PHILADELPHIA — Named chairman of Jewish Voters for Reagan-Bush for '84 by Sen. Paul Laxalt is Richard J. Fox, chairman of the board of trustees of Temple University and chairman of the Republican Jewish Coalition. He will

enlist Jewish voters nationwide in support of President Reagan's reelection.

Lt. Col. Jacob Besser was on the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

Four of Five U.S. Jews Believe In Equality For Israel Rabbis

JERUSALEM — Striking differences between the views of the American Jew and Israelis were shown in polls commissioned by the Institute on American-Israeli Relations of the American Jewish Committee.

While almost four out of five American Jews thought Israel should grant Conservative and Reform rabbis the same status as Orthodox rabbis, just under one of two Israelis agreed.

A SIMILAR DIVERGENCE was shown on the question of erosion of democratic values in Israel in recent years. While one out of two Israelis answered yes, only one out of four Americans thought so.

On the question of "only strong Orthodox religion can save American Jews from assimilating, the secular Israelis questioned responded with a 44 percent agreement, while among the Orthodox the percentage rose to 70 percent.

AS TO THE SURVIVAL of American Jews as Jews, seven out of ten Israelis agreed that the influence of assimilation is so great that American Jews are in danger.

On economic discrimination only 27 percent of American Jews said they felt that virtually all positions of influence were open to Jews, but three out of five Israelis thought so.

On the question of dissent against policies of Israel, 57 percent of American Jews supported

it, while only 45 percent of the Israelis approved.

NINETY-ONE PERCENT of the American Jews believe that American support for Israel is in America's interest, but only 79 percent of the Israelis thought so.

On the question, "If it comes to the crunch, will few non-Jews come to Israel's aid in its struggle to survive," 54 percent of the American Jews thought so, while 42 percent of the Israelis took the same position.

The same questions were asked by two surveys, Hanoth Smith conducting the one in Israel and Steve Cohen of Brandeis University doing the American one.

WHEN IT CAME TO ISRAELI personalities there was almost unbelievable differences. In the case of Abba Eban, while only eight percent of the Israelis gave him a very favorable rating, that figure jumped to 60 percent in America. On Begin, 34 percent of the Americans gave him a positive rating as against 29 percent for the Israelis. Navon won support from 53 percent of the Israelis and only 22 percent of the Americans, there was an almost agreement on Arik Sharon, both in the low 20s.

As for offering territorial compromise on the West Bank in return for credible guarantees for peace, the two were almost identical — about 42 percent, but 56 percent of the Israelis as against 42 percent of the American were for retaining permanent control of the West Bank.

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Albert Parker, 86; Communal Leader

NEW YORK — Death at the age of 86 came to Albert Parker, an honorary national chairman of the UJA, and former vice-chairman of the New York Anti-Defamation League Appeal. An attorney, he was general chairman of the 19th and 20th annual Columbia College Funds.

He was former chairman of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Council of Governors, and was awarded the Brandeis University Medal for Distinguished Service to Higher Education. He served on the board of directors of the JDC.

Rabbi Elias Charry Died In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Rabbi Elias Charry, who served the Germantown Jewish Center here from 1942 until his retirement, died at the age of 77. He served Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis before taking the pulpit in Germantown.

He was active nationally and

served on the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and was secretary of the Rabbinical Assembly. He was the founder of the Akiba Hebrew Academy and served on the board of Cratz College. He was followed in the rabbinate by his son, Marim.

Death Notice

Rabbi Elias M. Charry
We record with sorrow the passing of our beloved colleague and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and to all who were blessed by his fellowship and ministry.
Arnold M. Goodman,
President, The Rabbinical Assembly



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Simon Wiesenthal Relates Unbelievable Search For His Wife

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DENVER — When Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, told the senior editor of the Intermountain Jewish News, Hillel Goldberg, what happened to his wife, whom he considered dead, it recreated in a way that history books cannot recount the desolation and chaos in which the Jewish refugees in Europe found themselves at the end of World War II.

The question put by the interviewer was:

You lost your family in the war?

Simon Wiesenthal:

Yes, but not my wife. We were married in 1936. Do you want to know how we found each other after the war?

She was in the Warsaw Rebellion — on the Polish side, in 1944. She didn't look Jewish. The Polish underground helped her survive.

I had heard that the house in Warsaw in which she hid was destroyed, with all the people in it, in 1944 during the Warsaw Rebellion.

Lists of survivors were circulating after the war. I saw the name of a friend listed as living in Cracow. I sent him a letter asking him to find out if he had found any bodies in the rubble of my wife's house.

There was no mail, only border travelers. The letter took two weeks to arrive.

My wife, unbeknown to me, had been liberated by the British army in northern Germany. She was going home — there were no railways — to Lvov, Poland. Right then she was on her way from Prague to Cracow.

In Cracow her train stopped for a few hours. On the street she met a person from my home town of Bucacz. They were talking. He said that he had heard that I was dead. He gave me wife an address in Cracow of a Dr. Beiner, another survivor from Bucacz. So she walked two hours to Dr. Beiner's home in Cracow. He was the man to whom my letter had been given!

He opened the door, then closed it. She knocked again: "You don't recognize me?!" Dr. Beiner: "Cyla, you are alive?? Today I received a letter from Simon to look for your body." Cyla: "Simon is dead." Dr. Beiner showed her the letter. Cyla: "I... I don't know if this is the writing of Simon."

Then it took four weeks before I received her letter.

A further complication: When I was a young man, I had a passion: horses. There were horses in Linz, Austria, near my DP camp. So I went to an Austrian and asked to ride one. After liberation, you wished to do something you did before the war. I took a horse. I forgot that my weight at the time was 120 pounds. I had no power. I made a small gallop. I broke a leg. When I received the letter from my wife, I was in the camp with a broken leg. I couldn't go to Poland to get my wife. I asked a friend to go in my place.

I was then working for the



SIMON WIESENTHAL
...his greatness revealed

Office of Strategic Services of the U.S. He gave a passport to my friend and for my wife. But he had to travel the same way the letter carriers did — with smugglers. They knew the entry points.

Along the way, he was detained by a Soviet military unit. The smugglers said: Destroy all documents in English; otherwise you'll be seen as spies. So he destroyed the address of my wife.

In Cracow he went to the Jewish community center to make an announcement. My wife, meanwhile, was going under a Polish name, "Kowalska." He forgot the name, and had lost the document.

A few weeks later, I'm in my bed, I could not walk. Dr. Wiesberg, my messenger, came in alone: "Simon, I want to tell you a story. I made

the announcement and three women claimed that they were Mrs. Wiesenthal. Why? Possibly to get out of Poland.

"I'll tell you the truth. Of the three, I brought the nicest! If she is not your wife, I shall marry her."

She was my wife.

On another question, the bitterness between Elie Wiesel and Mr. Wiesenthal, reported not too long ago in The P-O, was limned in a stark way. The question was "Would you look back on your life as a success?"

Simon Wiesenthal:

The most important thing in life: I can look every person in the eye. I can look in every face.

If today were 1945, I would do it all over again — you feel that you have not lived for nothing.

And I have so many friends in the world; in this field I am a very rich man.

I have opponents, too. Do you know who is my biggest opponent? Elie Wiesel. I don't know why. He doesn't fight open. He feels he is the Pope of the Holocaust, the bearer of the whole truth. But when he sees me — were people to look on — you'd think we were best friends. Under his pressure, I was not invited to the Survivors Gathering in Washington. When I received the Gold Medal in Congress, they — Benjamin Meade, Elie Wiesel — were invited, but didn't come. They made a sort of official boycott. They were

very unhappy that a Jew from abroad had won.

The whole background: jealously.

The jealousy for some is that people will come to hear me, to ask me. Others — business men — first they made money, then they retired, then they became occupied with the Holocaust.

Wiesel is a very good writer, but a chauvinist. And I am not.

At the Genocide movie premiere in Washington, we sent Wiesel two tickets. And he was in Washington at the time. And he refused to come. He didn't come to the New York premiere either. This is not normal. When I see his book, I will buy it and read it.

He once visited our Center in L.A. and we photographed him. He called the next day and asked us not to publish the pictures. You have an answer for this? OK, let him be like he is.

What his feelings are against the Nazis and their collaborators gave an insight into Mr. Wiesenthal's greatness.

As you witness Nazi after Nazi on trial, does not hatred ever well up in you?" was the question.

Simon Wiesenthal:

No. I am not a hater. Not one of them was born a murderer. They were victims of indoctrination, of a political movement, of the society which made them murderers.

The murderers were from all social backgrounds: one-

half of them were illiterates, one-half university graduates.

For all of them, to kill the first time was not easy. Later it became easy. When you kill insects in a house, your conscience is clear, right? You have no qualms about killing insects. The Nazis believed that the Jews were insects: they believed in the Fuhrer.

Others were murderers, but they were afraid to murder on account of the law. But with Nazism, they were free to kill. For example, I was a witness in a trial in Germany of a guard from our own camp, Mauthausen.

He made a bet.

It was noontime. They interrupted our work for half an hour. It was June or July. He bet another guard that he could

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Flashbacks In Jewish History

Sabbati Zevi Stirs Christian Interest

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

November 25, 1665 — A letter written by Chaim Joseph of Egypt, proclaiming his belief in the messianic of Sabbati Zevi, was published in an English translation and roused the interests of Christians in the spread of the Jewish messianic movement.

The curiosity of Christian theologians about the Sabbatian agitation stemmed from a sectarian belief in the Second Coming of Christ which would usher in a millennium when the Kingdom of Saints, constituting the "Fifth Monarchy", would vanquish the "four kingdoms" mentioned in the prophecy of the Book of Daniel. This sectarian belief has its source in the Revelation of St. John.

The history of Jewish "computers of the end" (the time of messianic appearance),

who studied the enigmatic passages in Daniel and other sources in an effort to find a clue to the time when that blissful era is to begin, is paralleled by similar pursuits of some Christian theologians bent on discovering the beginning of the millennium. The rabbis strongly discouraged any speculation regarding the date of the messianic age for social reasons. The consequences of fraudulent calculations are too horrendous to contemplate. The early Church opposed a literal interpretation of the Revelation of St. John on doctrinal grounds and condemned the speculation of the date of the millennium as a "Jewish heresy".

DESPITE rabbinic discouragement, Jewish scholars continued in some efforts to "compute the end". The same was true of many Protestant theologians who were not bound by the restraints imposed by the Catholic hierarchy. A literal interpretation of the Revelation

of St. John gained wide support in the 17th century. The movement became known in Holland as "Chiliasm" (from the Greek Chilia, 1000) and in England as "Millenarism".

According to some millenarist theologians, the Kingdom of Heaven was to triumph in the year 1660. The emergence of the Sabbatian movement, gaining force in the same decade, could not but inflame and reinforce the belief in millenarism. The coincidence in time of both movements took on a special significance in view of the millenarist belief that the restoration of Israel would precede the Second Coming.

PETER SERRANUS, a Dutch chiliast, kept a detailed record of the Sabbatian movement. He gave credence to a rumor that the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel would emerge after the conclusion of their siege of Mecca.

By RABBI ALAN WEITZMAN

Reading is an old city going back to the days of the

Revolutionary War. It has a large aging population which can be compared to retirement areas.

Recently, our leadership has become more interested in serving the needs of our senior citizens. We have a part-time social worker, several Golden Age groups, and we provide transportation for the elderly. We are also planning to add a Jewish wing to a nursing home.

This is not the only aspect of the changes.

WE ARE ALSO planning to modify our synagogue facilities and make them more accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Our Conservative shul has built a ramp in the back of their building which

is used for wheelchairs. My temple, which was built in 1921, has undertaken a feasibility study to determine what modifications are to be made. We are planning a number of changes; we are going to build a ramp, alter our lavatory facilities, put in rails, etc. We also have studied the feasibility of a new public address system, with special equipment for the hard-of-hearing.

We are also exploring the possibility of installing an elevator, or a lift. Several members of our Ladies Auxiliary have visited nearby churches and are impressed with the elevators that have been built, and with the support system they provide for the elderly.

THERE ARE a number of important projects taking place in our community, but once again each Jewish group is doing its own thing. We have not been involved in development. (Continued On Next Page)



Bloch



Weitzman

Wiesenthal Relates Search

Dr. Armand Hammer didn't go into business until he was in his fifties. He was a physician and his Occidental Petroleum Co. is one of the world's largest.

(Continued From Prev. Page) kill two people with one shot. We were looking at this from about 20 yards away. The bet was for a case of beer. The

guard was looking at us and took two people and bound them with ropes, head to head, and then said: "Open your mouth!"

Then he shot straight into the mouth. Of course he hoped that the bullet which killed the first man would exit his head and kill the second man.

The first man died and the other man was only wounded. So he killed him with another shot.

But he lost the bet. This crime — he couldn't say that he was ordered to do it. It was only sadism. He was 22, blond, tall. A typical SS man. When we found him, he was 58. He worked for a housing company in Saarbrücken.

He had three daughters in the audience. It was a family tragedy. They heard what their father had done. There were so many witnesses. His family was not guilty. One daughter cried. He got life.

I did not hate this person.

The judge asked him: does he have an answer? He was silent during the whole trial. No, actually, at the beginning of the trial, he said that it was another person who looked like him who did the crime. But we had so many witnesses.

He did not confess. He did not say that he was sorry.

What does this mean? Were he young again, he'd do it again. His character had not changed. The person remained the same. The Nazis gave many people with sadistic impulses the possibility of fulfilling their dreams.

Of the 1100 cases which I have guided to trial, only three or four people confessed and said they were sorry. What happened? Their sentences were stiffer. The case was clear. When the criminals deny the charges, the jury isn't sure.



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Lord Montbatten Remembered His Mispacha

When Mrs. Elsbeth Hackenbroch was invited by the Queen to the unveiling of a memorial statue to Lord Montbatten it recalled the Jewish blood the Earl of Montbatten always publicly admitted. Mrs. Hackenbroch's paternal grandmother, was a first cousin of Sir Ernst Cassel who came to Britain from Cologne and whose granddaughter married the Earl. Lord Montbatten always recognized the family connection and personally intervened to assist many of her relatives to escape from Germany. Mr. Hackenbroch is chairman of the Sabbath Observance Bureau.



WORLD'S GREATEST — When some of the world's greatest violinists performed last year in a series of concerts in Israel held to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Bronislaw Huberman, father of the Israel orchestra in 1936, it was the genesis of a two-record album just released. When, from left to

right, Ida Haendel, Isaac Stern, Itzhak Perlman, Ivry Gitlis and Shlomo Montz are on one stage, the result can not be other than astounding musically. Their performances were with the Israel Philharmonic, led by Zubin Mehta, at right.

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Lady Chain



Chain

The chairperson of British ORT is a name to conjure with in Jewish history. She is Lady Chain, wife of the late Sir Ernst Chain, the Nobel prize winner. She is a scientist in her own right, and has just been appointed professor of biochemistry at London University. She does research in diabetes and obesity.

for Mary Tyler Moore and Dr. S. Robert Levine in the Pierre Hotel. The news account did not report whether the ceremony was conducted under a chuppah, but probably it was. Dr. Levine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Levine of Port Washington, L.I. The father is national director of domestic affairs for the American Jewish Committee. The bridegroom's mother, Marion Levine, is executive director of the North Shore Child Guidance Centers in Nassau County.

In Reading, PA

Group Goes Own Way

(Continued From Prev. Page) ing an overall plan and approach for all the institutions. It is predictable that we will spend more money than necessary and still not have come to grips with the fact that all our facilities are old. We will not have looked at the possibility of a joint building venture, a combining facility project, etc. If there were only some kind of magical formula that would enable us to all work together we would enhance our chances for survival.

Beard Finally Goes

The final performance by Topol as Teyve in "Fiddler on the Roof" in a long revival in London brought out an audience of distinguished Jews, including Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Yehuda Avner, and even Arik Sharon. At a celebration later, Topol had doffed his Teyve dress and emerged in an evening suit and clean-shaven, having shorn the beard he had grown for his role. The final evening brought \$30,000 for the Haaretz Museum in Tel Aviv, which sponsored closing night.



GLICKSTEIN TO WED — As it does to everyone, love has come to Shlomo Glickstein, Israel's tennis star, and he and Lina Levy plan to marry in January. The news of the pending wedding brought Dan Leon, sports editor of The Jerusalem Post, to ruminate over what effect the marriage would have on Shlomo's future on the tennis courts. He wrote: "There is no crisp evidence of the effect of marriage on a tennis player's game. After Jimmy Connors married, his tennis, which seemed to have gone into a state of eclipse, revived dramatically, and he not only won major victories, he seemed to enjoy playing far more than he ever had before. Bjorn Borg went on winning for some time after he married, then suddenly quit. Chris Evert Lloyd, like her one time fiancé, Jimmy Connors, seemed to thrive on marriage — but her husband, John Lloyd, went off his game. What will happen to Shlomo's tennis after he takes this giant step is therefore a matter for conjecture."



THEY WAITED 50 YEARS — Former University basketball coach Bernard "Red" Sarachek during ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$2.5 million Max Stern Athletic Center. Pictured from left are Sam Hartstein of Washington Heights; Robert Schwartz of Brooklyn; Herman (Hy) Aronoff of Jersey City; Isaiah Eisenberg of Bayonne, NJ; Sarachek; Rabbi Abraham Avrech of Brooklyn; Elihu Kasten of Oceanside, NY; Rabbi Irving Koslowe of Mamaroneck, NY; and Marvin Fredman of St. Louis. Sarachek coached the University basketball team for 36 years until his retirement in 1978.

Teacher, Meister Win Open

The Jewish doubles team, made up of Brian Teacher and Steve Meister, took home the cup and the big check after defeating Andres Gomez and Sherwood Stewart 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 in the South African Open here in a bitter contest with the winners eaking out the second set and then going on to victory in the third.

Was There A Chuppah?

Rabbi Richard Chapin performed the marriage ceremony

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The Social Calendar

By JEAN HERSCHAFT



The night of the big telecast "The Day After," some 200 members of Temple Beth El in Great Neck, N.Y., watched it in the synagogue and discussed it with its rabbi Jerome K. Davidson and Ben Abelow, a member of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington.

At its convention in November, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations adopted a resolution calling for a freeze on nuclear weapons deployment by all nuclear powers. The program at Beth El marked the launching by UHAC of a nationwide series of discussions on the nuclear issue. Abelow will speak to 22 synagogues and interfaith groups in New York and New Jersey area in December. He is a major contributor to *Preventing the Nuclear Holocaust*, published by UHAC earlier this year.

Meanwhile, at the P'Tach annual dinner, Harold Jacobs, in an address accepting its Keshet Tov Award, termed the Holocaust film "a terrible one," at the same time calling on the television network to give equal time to the "other side of the issue those proponents of a policy where nuclear weapons act as a deterrent to those who would employ it."

On that same current of thought is Dr. Seymour Siegel, chief of U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council who had been invited to a private preview of the telecast in Washington a week before. Siegel told me: "What bothers me is that the film fails to tell you who started the nuclear war. It gives totally to one side of the issue."

Siegel spent Thanksgiving in Italy, the guest of Naval Chaplain Arnold Resnickoff and family. Resnickoff consoled the Israeli soldiers, one of the first on the Lebanese scene after the terrorist blast took its terrible toll.

Howard Squadron, the able AJCongress president, opened the festivities of the annual Stephen S. Wise Award Dinner at the elegant Pierre Hotel by noting that this year's honoree, Bernard L. Schwartz, and he both attended City College. Schwartz is board chairman and chief officer of the Loral Corporation, an electronic countermeasure systems and microwave firm used in defense electronic and communications which he designed. His wife and two daughters were present to share the nachos. He plays a key role in philanthropy here and in Israel.

When Amb. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick was unable to make the affair and present the main address, Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Deputy Sec. of State Kenneth Dam, second in command in that department, filled in well.

Lautenberg, probably the most actively involved Jew in the Congress, noted that "there are eight Jewish Senators, four Democrats and four Republicans, and at least four were very active Jewishly. What Lautenberg, a former national UJA chairman and national president of American Friends of Hebrew U., stressed was that all eight Senators had very few Jewish constituents, thus their election was a tribute to the American electorate "who vote on capabilities—period."

On a more personal note, Lautenberg reflected out loud that he was sorry that his father "never lived to see the fulfillment of me, his son, in the business world and elected office." He confided to the more than 500 guests that when he started his Data Processing firm known as "ADP" it employed "five people. Twenty years later it employed 16,000 people and today employs more than one million worldwide!"

Ken Dam, who in a lengthy address that reviewed US-Israel policy dating from Camp David to the present, candidly said: "We do not agree on the settlement policy of Israel. The issue is not whether settlements are legal but whether, as a practical matter, they are an obstacle to progress in the peace process." Nothing in the President's initiative precludes Israelis from living in the West Bank or Gaza. However, as the President has said, "we do not believe that continued settlement activity is helpful in getting peace negotiations started. We also disagree on the future of the West Bank and Gaza. In our view, just as a Palestinian State will not bring a lasting peace, neither will permanent Israeli control over those areas."

Dam termed these "honest differences that must be discussed." But he insisted "these differences should not obscure the fundamental agreement that exists between our countries." Dam also underscored, prior to launching his talk, "This is not the address that Amb. Kirkpatrick planned to deliver. It is mine."

Of the Palestinians in the West Bank he said: "Even in the absence of a political solution, they must be another issue of mutual concern. If their commitment to a peaceful future with Israel is to be nurtured, they must be given some stake in that future by improving the quality of their lives, providing greater opportunities for economic development and reducing intrusions in their private lives."

Squadron, in reviewing the life of Rabbi Stehen S. Wise, said "He was a supporter of a Jewish State long before it was a popular Jewish cause."

Mrs. Squadron informed me, in reply to my query, "That (Continued On Next Page)

Jews By Choice

When Missionaries Get A Shock

By SAMANTHA LINDBLAD

In a previous column I spoke of the view held by non-Jews toward Jewish intelligence and the effect it had on me during my first meetings with Rabbi Cohn. How it caused me to feel some what intimidated and insecure as to my own level of intelligence and to, sort of, cower mentally in his presence. This attitude now intrigues me in another way.

THE AREA IN WHICH I live is, for the most part, oriented around three or four different Christian-type churches. And it's not unusual to see missionaries from these various sects walking the streets or pounding on doors to spread their various doctrines.

We don't get many knocking on our door because our home is somewhat isolated from the rest of the community but we do get a few. Whenever this happens, having proved themselves dedicated or at least courageous enough to have braved the steep and rock strewn road leading to our home, not to mention our five large dogs, I always feel it only fair to at least listen to what they have to say. If for no other reason than to just allow them to catch their breath and rest for a moment.

YEARS BEFORE, AS A CATHOLIC and living within a large community, I had numerous encounters with various missionary groups and revealing that I was Catholic never had much effect on them. In fact, most usually just looked at me as if to say, "Oh, you poor misinformed soul." But after my conversion, I

was astounded during my first encounter with such people by the totally different reaction it produced in them when told I was Jewish. It was as if I possessed a knowledge that they could not possibly aspire to. I saw it in their eyes and heard it in their voices as they stumbled into a thoroughly inadequate and stumbling presentation of their own faith.

In every encounter since that time, no matter what particular sect they may be members of, their reaction has been the same. And finally the majority of them usually end up closing their books and just discuss the weather or any number of other things with me.

IT INTRIGUES ME BECAUSE, just as Rabbi Cohn never acted toward me in any way to cause my reaction to him, I have never acted in any way to justify their reaction to me. I am the same exact person I was in the moment before they learned I was Jewish, and yet, those three words "I am Jewish" causes them to suddenly see me in a new and totally different light and to make them feel insecure in the presentation of their own beliefs and faith.

The reason I brought all this up is not only because it intrigues me but because I believe this attitude may have something to do, if perhaps only in a small way, with the less than warm reception with which the announcement of your conversion is met by parents, relatives, and sometimes even friends. And in my next column I would like to discuss the reason for that belief.

(Samantha Lindblad can be reached at P.O. Box 1135, Sugarloaf, CA 92386.)

At Hanukkah-Christmas Season

Problems For Intermarrieds Escalate

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The tensions and difficulties for mixed marriage couples with the advent of Hanukkah and Christmas were outlined by Syracuse University sociologist, Allan Mazur, who pointed out that while the holidays are times for joy, they can produce enormous problems.

THE RELIGIOUS differences become aggravated as the holiday season arrives, and the professor speaks from experience. He has been intermarried for 15 years.

Mazur said it is "asking too much" for the Jewish spouse to ask the non-Jewish partner to forgo a lifelong

tradition of having a tree.

But then the Jewish partner, after allowing the tree, feels guilt and anxiety.

"The Jewish partner will think to himself something like, 'Have I given in to a larger culture?' " Mazur said. The Jewish spouse will reassert his or her faith, he said.

"Often, the spouse will go back to the business of lighting the Hanukkah lights, which he or she hasn't done for years," Mazur said.

THE WINTER holidays for interfaith couples often become "secularized, eclectic" and both partners adopt the philosophy, "If we're going

to have Christmas, we're going to have Hanukkah." Speaking from his own experience and from observing other couples, Mazur said spouses accept more and more every year, and that over the years celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkah becomes "Normal."

"It's still a problem for me in a sense that my wife always pushes a little more every year — the tree gets a little bigger — and now she wants decorations outside the house, which I still find unacceptable," Mazur said.

"It becomes imbedded in the children to celebrate both, which leads to what some people might perceive as an orgy of presents and crass materialism," he said.

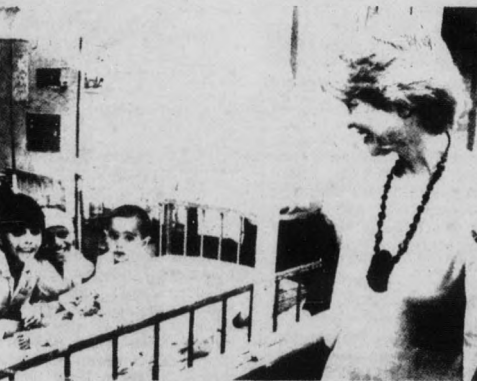
"FOR MOST people, holidays mean spending time at home with the family, being together and exchanging presents," Mazur said. "Church has almost become irrelevant for a lot of people."

Compromise becomes the solution.

"I think the natural tendency is that people flow with it and adapt to it," Mazur said. "Each side gives something. They remove the God and make it a secular thing."

No matter how severe the differences are, he believes the problem of celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah in an interfaith household should not threaten a marriage.

"Everybody in the end enjoys themselves because there is a lot of warmth and then there aren't any problems — until next December," Mazur said.



A BREAK FOR THE CHILDREN — Israel is blessed with a whole contingent of leading American actors and actresses as the film, "The Ambassadors" is being made. They include Rock Hudson and Robert Mitchum, and this photo shows Ellen Burstyn on a visit to the pediatrics department of Hadassah Hospital where she was the cynosure of all eyes including those of the children.

In Atlanta

Arlene Hangs Out With The Big Shots

By ARLENE G. PECK

How could I settle for the men that I meet in this "red-neck" Riviera when I spend time with the caliber of those that I have this past week. The Carter Center of Emory University opened and one of its very first projects was to

have a mid-East conference to look into solutions to the complex problems facing that part of the world. There was a very heavy duty crowd of men who were there mingling with me in the press and hospitality rooms.

DELEGATES FLEW in from all over the world and everyone was represented. Past Presidents, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, were there to act as moderators. Saudi Arabia and Jordan sent their crown prince, Dr. Usamah al-Baz, and Dr. Wadi Hadad. Both of the special advisors to the Egyptian and Lebanese presidents were there. Syria's Farouk al Sharra, Minister of State for foreign affairs, and Alexander Zotov, political counselor with the Russian Embassy attended. And, Dr. Walid Khalidi was there to represent the Palestinian community.

In other words, everybody had somebody to represent. Well, sort of. Israel withdrew their diplomats and sent scholars instead. Despite assurance from the coordinators of the conference that Dr. Khalidi was not a member of the PLO, nor were they being represented by him in any way, Israel choose not to send its delegates. It was a mistake which I believe cost them. Of course, Israel was represented by scholars and authors, however, it was their high-placed diplomats which were needed



ARLENE AND HABIB

at such a meeting.

YOU'VE READ the stories which were in newspapers around the country. Many thousands of words were written about who said what, when and where. I think however that I'll give you a glimpse of what these men of history were like personally.

Surprisingly, the entire four days were cordial and I believe fruitful. Even President Carter made the statement in his closing speech that it was to the credit of the participants that they didn't throw their usual temper tantrums and storm out of the room when the Israelis walked in. Well, maybe that wasn't exactly what he said, but that was the essence.

G-D IT WAS FUN being a member of the press and sitting around the press and hospitality rooms with "the boys". And, which of the illustrious crowd impressed me the most? Well, for starters, Philip Habib I thought was darling. Besides the fact that he never failed to remember and call me by name, he gives out wonderful vibes. His speech was articulate. His manner was charming and laced with humor.

Another man who utterly captivated me was one of our boys, Gideon Rafael, the former Ambassador of Israel to Great Britain and former Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry. He was eloquent and carries the air of elder statesman about him.

In fact, one of the more moving comments of the entire conference was when he cautioned Jimmy Carter. It seems Carter took it upon himself to envision what would happen if Israel would not give up land or settlements on the West Bank now in their possession. The Egyptian advisor to the Egyptian President on political affairs, Dr. Usamah al-Baz, was listening with great interest. His attention was especially caught when the gist of the conversation entered the phase where Jimmy Carter commented something to the effect that he would not be surprised at all if the whole idea would be so unacceptable to the Arabs that they would call off the Camp David Accords.

I WASN'T THE ONLY one in the audience who was appalled by such a suggestion. Finally, Mr. Rafael shook his finger and said it was inconceivable that such an eventually could come to a treaty that was made in good faith by two allies. He further commented that it was certainly out of place to even lead them to believe that he would even condone such actions.

Brzezinski warned of the dire consequences for the United States if its role in the Middle East changes from that of mediator. Personally, I never liked the man and even less after hearing him speak. He has a really mean face, with sharp features, a silly crew cut and little beady eyes.

All in all, I think that the final results of such a meeting will be positive. It's important that these leaders, movers and shakers talk. If it can't be in the United Nations, let it be in Atlanta.

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visiting with rhoda hauptman

I am not too good at predictions. Therefore, I rarely prophesy anything that may come to pass during my lifetime. Some of my best predictions are for after the year 2000.

But I'll stick my neck out and tell you that every book reviewer in America will be delighted by the new novel by Stephen Birmingham, *The Auerbach Will*. It should be as satisfactory as a paid up insurance policy. Of course, I speak only to the Jewish book reviewers.

FIRST OF ALL, and from my own experience entirely, I have found that no story teller is better than the story in the book she selects for a particular group. True, there are many book groups that prefer to read the book first and then to discuss it, the reviewer to act merely as a resource person. But again, there are many occasions when the women hire a reviewer to entertain them. Either situation is valid, I think.

But when a group elects to be entertained, this makes it necessary that the storyteller-reviewer selects a good story. The craft of the author, the characterizations are secondary. It is the plot which holds the attention of the listeners.

The Auerbach Will is such a book. Its author, Birmingham, gained a good measure of success and acceptance among Jewish book buyers and readers with such earlier books as *Our Crowd* and *The Grandees*. Mr. Birmingham had been to prep school, some years ago, with the sons of some of the Jewish bankers and merchant princes. He was amazed to find that there is, indeed, an American Jewish aristocracy.

IN HIS RESEARCH, once he determined to write of this small group of people, he no doubt uncovered the story of Julius Rosenwald. Since *The Auerbach Will* is a novel, the book does not attempt to tell the story of the Rosenwalds literally. Actually, there is a time when one reads the book that one wonders if Birmingham is writing instead of Modie Spiegel. Both men lived in Chicago where they made their fortunes, both founded great mail order businesses.

Mr. Spiegel, like Auerbach in the book, built an estate in a North Shore suburb of Chicago, while Mr. Rosenwald remained in a lovely house in the South side neighborhood of Hyde Park — Kenwood.

BUT THIS IS TRIVIA. What engages one's attention is the story of the birth of a great mail order company, actually the first of its kind in the world. Daniel Boorstin, the eminent historian, has written of the growth of Sears and Roebuck in the second volume of his master work, *The Americans*. It was during the time when all America was expanding, stretching out from "sea to shining sea." Boorstin says that it was the terrible isolation and loneliness of the wives of the farmers in middle America that made the mail order business the instant success it became. To those benighted and unsung ladies, the only reason to make the trip to the mailbox was perhaps to find the Sears, Roebuck catalog waiting there.

Later, after it had been perused, the merchandise selected and ordered, a package might be waiting or even a letter from the company in answer to a query. For many years, Sears, Roebuck disdained the use of typewriters and all letters to customers were written long hand. I don't know how closely the Auerbach story parallels the Rosenwald saga, but Stephen Birmingham's tale of the founding of a great fortune and the place of the matriarch of the family in insuring this amazing success, makes for engrossing reading.

IT HAD TO BE IN AMERICA during the late 19th and early 20th century that the potential for making hundreds of millions of dollars existed if only one came up with a novel idea.

The Auerbach Will, is an interesting story. If you are looking for a readable book, I think you will like this one.

Social Calendar

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neither Howard nor I bothered to switch on the TV set to watch "The Day After," which had played the night before the Congress bash. "We watch very little TV fare . . . a half hour a month of viewing . . ." she added.

Among the guests former Mayor and Mrs. Abe Beame, Elizabeth Holtzman, Brooklyn District Attorney; Laurence Tisch, UJA leader; Rabbi and Mrs. Balfour Brickner (Stephen Wise Synagogue leader) and Rabbi and Mrs. Robert S. Widom. Widom delivered the invocation.

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YES, JESSICA SAVITCH WAS JEWISH

Was Jessica Savitch of Jewish heritage? — Miriam Friedman, 1712 Notre Dame, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87106. Ms. Savitch was Jewish.

DORDICK, POBERSKY FAMILIES SOUGHT

We are trying to locate family of Gussie Rosenberg Dordick born in Russia in 1892 and died in New York, Sept. 14, 1924. This is the mother of my husband, Isidor Dordick. We also would like to locate family with the last name of Pobersky or Pobereskin. My mother was born in Belia Tzerkov, Russia in 1890, lived in Green Bay, WI until her death in 1972. Her name was Mattie (Minnie) Pobersky Holland. — Mrs. Isidor Dordick, 8608 Chevy Chase Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33433.

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Israel As I See It

The 1973 Yom Kippur War: Preparedness Then And Now

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

This year, Yom Kippur was observed on Shabbat, the same as that sad Shabbat ten years ago, when precisely at 1:50 p.m. hundreds of Egyptian tanks in the southwest and an equal number of Syrian tanks in the northeast mounted a surprise mass offensive against Israel on two far flung fronts. The traumatic Yom Kippur War lasted 18 fateful days, from Oct. 6 to Oct. 24, when a cease fire was imposed, saving Egypt in the nick of time from a total military collapse.

IN ISRAEL, a shocked nation passed through an initial week of heavy casualties, a loss of much equipment, and dark discouraging daily reports before the Israel Defense Forces recovered from the initial punishing body blows, took the offensive, crossing the Suez Canal, encircling the Egyptian Third Army, and positioned just 67 miles on the open road to Cairo, as our I.D.F. northern units smashed the Syrian forces pausing but 18 miles from Damascus.

Panicky Soviet threats and pressure combined with American concern over the possible consequences of further Israeli advances forced a cease fire and armistice, ending Israel's most costly and painful war since the War of Independence in 1948-49. Much has been written, and discussed profusely, in retrospect and with the advantage of

hindsight in assessing the abrupt and radical turnabout from the over-confidence engendered by the swift victory of the Six Day War of June 1967 to the depressing complex of mixed feelings in the realization of the near catastrophe that almost befell us, despite the final, brilliant and daring military victories over both of our enemies.

ISRAEL TV featured a three-part presentation of the Yom Kippur War depicting realistically our failures, and with foreign clips, for the first time groups of Israeli prisoners in Egyptian and Syrian hands, as well as our ultimate clever military maneuvers and resulting victory. The universal reaction here was a cold shiver down each spine in the recognition that our losses were unbearably heavy, burdened by the nagging guilt that a large part could possibly have been avoided.

The Agranat Committee, appointed in November 1973 by the Labor Alignment Government headed by Golda Meir to investigate the conduct of the war, confined itself to examine responsibility of the military, and found Chief of Staff David Elazar responsible for the "mechdal" — the fault. General Elazar insisted that he had requested urgently, full mobilization several days before the attack, but his call had been vetoed by Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan and by Prime Minister Golda Meir until the very morning of the attack. In protest over this injustice, Yitzhak Rabin requested that the report be returned to the Com-

mittee.

ONLY TWO PORTIONS of a six-volume report were made public. Upon the issuance of the second report in July 1974, Golda Meir resigned and was replaced by Yitzhak Rabin. Moshe Dayan also resigned. Golda Meir's trauma was understandable and a sympathetic public accepted it, but Dayan was hounded to his dying day.

People tend to forget and a partisan press is not over-anxious to revive unfavorable memories of a Labor-led Government at fault. Nevertheless, a disillusioned electorate in May 1977 rejected the Labor Alignment, repeating this rejection in 1981, preferring to cast their lot with a Begin-led Likud Government. The latter victory was not only an endorsement of the Likud program, but even more so a disenchantment with an opposition who presented no really constructive program of its own, preferring to harness the Government with countless unsuccessful no-confidence votes, and street demonstrations designed to accomplish what they could not do by democratic means in the Knesset to bring down the Likud-led Government.

MEANWHILE, the most dramatic event in Israel's 35 year existence occurred — peace with the largest and most powerful of Israel's Arab neighbors — Egypt, effectively neutralizing all the Arab nations, including the very hostile, but very cautious Syria, which knows from bitter experience just how far it may go before Israel responds in force. Yet another hostile and militant Arab enemy, Iraq, had its atomic bomb building wings clipped in a daring action by the Israeli air force. Iraq's subsequent involvement in a futile bloodletting costly war with Iran, has removed Iraq from any potential meaningful anti-Israel military role for many years to come.

The Peace for Galilee Operation, derogatory reports notwithstanding, and despite its despicable use by an irresponsible opposition, particularly its leftist wings, disposed very effectively of the sole remaining threat to Israel — the highly vaunted, well-equipped and lavishly financed by all the Arab nations and the Soviets — the PLO. This terrorist organization, with its center in West Beirut, and a full Palestinian State in South Lebanon, with all the trappings, army, police force, civil administration, industrial and commercial enterprises, etc., and the focal point for international terrorism, used extensively and for hire anywhere, ever available to do the Soviet's bidding, was smashed to bits, its state dismantled and its leader, Arafat, made a virtual refugee.

WHATEVER terrorist groups are left in north Lebanon are

under the steel thumb of Syria. The IDF fortified position on the Awali River is an assurance of solid security on the northern border, and until stabilization is achieved in Lebanon a good strategic line to hold.

In summary, we have come a long way from the traumatic experience 10 years ago on that nerve shattering Yom Kippur Shabbat in October

1973. Israel has never been in a more secure and powerful position than it is today. Nevertheless, the lesson of the Yom Kippur War remains fixed indelibly in the minds of the Government and the IDF, "semper paratus" — always prepared for any eventuality.

(Samson Krupnick may be reached at 22 Pinsker St., Jerusalem 92228, Israel.)

With The Rabbis

Pulpit Changes

Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone has been elected to the pulpit of Sinai Temple, Springfield, Mass. . . Rabbi Louis Cashdan has been named interim rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, Montreal.

Honors

Rabbi Joseph H. Kelman of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Toronto, was feted on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Reena Foundation which he launched to spread joy to the mentally handicapped. . . Rabbi Perry E. Nussbaum, Rancho Bernardo, Ca., has been commended by Rear Admiral Ross H. Trower and Captain J.E. Carr, commanding officer of the Naval Hospital in San Diego, on the 10th anniversary of his service as command auxiliary Jewish chaplain. He is also celebrating 50 years since ordination. . . Rabbi Maurice D. Simckes, Howard Beach (N.Y.) Judea Center, was honored at a banquet on the 15 years of service to the congregation and "chai" his 18th year since ordination.

Sermon Of The Week

Hear O Israel: God or E.F. Hutton — Rabbi William B. Silverman, Temple Sinai of The Desert, Cathedral City, CA.

Quotation Of The Week

A mixed couple is a family in which one of the spouses is Jewish; the other has been reared in another tradition (usually Christianity) and has not formally converted to Judaism. There are tens of thousands of such couples in the United States today, and more than a few in our Congregation.

In many instances the couple has decided to rear their children in the Jewish covenant. If that is the case, and the non-Jewish partner is not actively identified with the church, we will list the couple as a family membership.

We do not, however, attempt to encourage the non-Jew formally to embrace Judaism. I have felt that such an initiative must come from the person, not the Rabbi.

When the child of a mixed marriage is Bar/Bat Mitzvah we invite both parents to sit on the altar. The parents may stand with the child as he/she reads from the Torah, but we insist that the Torah transmission ceremony be conducted by the Jewish parent: how can one transmit the Torah who has not accepted the Torah?

Some time ago in a Bar Mitzvah interview the non-Jewish father, when told of our custom in such situations, asked if he could formally embrace Judaism. Somehow, he had never been able to take the initiative, though he had been married to a Jewish woman for two decades and felt very much a part of the Jewish faith. His son's Bar Mitzvah — and the thought of handing the Torah to his child — served as a catalyst for a formal conversion.

That incident made me wonder how many other persons in our midst regard themselves as Jewish but have not formalized that inner commitment. I want to say to such persons: "I do not feel comfortable urging you to take the step. The initiative must be yours, but please know that any step in that direction would be warmly received."

I shall never forget the smile and misty eyes of the father in my office when he realized how much the prospect of handing the Torah to his son really meant to him. — Rabbi Samuel E. Karff, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston.

Postmark Israel

Offer Of Hospitals Unexplained

The failure of the U.S. to accept Israel's offer to help after the terrible blast at Beirut Airport has never been adequately explained.

For one thing, based on its experience with a similar building collapse in Sidon a year ago, the Israel engineering corps had developed special equipment designed to explore and clear the wreckage without harming any survivors who might still be buried in air pockets. Any careless movement of the blocks of jagged concrete could well crush a survivor. Any movement which would create dust might lead to asphyxiation of men still clinging to life in small hollows down below. The equipment, instantly available in Israel, included special power cranes and devices to inject oxygen into cavities under the ruins.

It has only now become known that Amin Gemayel, President of Lebanon, objected to Israeli participation unless the Israelis wore American or French uniforms. He did not want it said that Lebanon was accepting help from Israel. In other words, Israel's help had to be secret and anonymous.

Israel's offer to place at the disposal of the Marines all its medical facilities, including the Rambam Hospital in nearby Haifa, which had considerable experience in handling the wounded in the recent war, was rejected by the Americans. The refusal was based on standing "policy" to excavate wounded only to NATO hospitals. And so, instead of the 30 minute helicopter flight to Haifa, the wounded were flown for many hours to hospitals in Europe. What effect the delay had on survivors is not known. At any rate, the period of pain and suffering could have been considerably shortened.

The only American request of the Israelis was for plastic bags for the bodies, and certain medicines, both of which Israel supplied with alacrity. A.C.

Newest Rumor: Andropov Is Part Jewish

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

If Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader who's not been seen for a long time, doesn't have enough troubles, he's been the object of rumors which can be most damaging in Russia. The rumors are that he's a half-Armenian and a quarter Jew.

Silver

According to Aaron Alperin, of the *Algemeiner Journal*, the stories are emanating from the friends of Constantine Cherenko who was reported to have been Brezhnev's choice as his successor.

Alperin hears that Andropov has been jailing some of the rumor-spreaders, including Brezhnev's daughter, Galina, who was charged with gem-smuggling. Notice, Alperin writes, that even when he was healthy and in evidence, Andropov didn't allow the name Brezhnev to touch his lips.

terrorists in Grenada?

Jacobson says Reagan couldn't answer the questions. When some of his aides were plied with the same queries, they are supposed to have been annoyed and complained that people shouldn't put to them such "provocative" questions. Reagan changes his tune, complains Jacobson. Now he wants Israel to be more involved in the task of combating the terrorists who created such carnage in the marine encampment; there's even talk about a joint U.S.-Israeli attack of Syrian installations.

Likewise, Reagan changed his tune re his rational for going into Grenada. First, it was to liberate the Americans there (mostly medical students, many of whom are Jewish victims of medical school quotas in the U.S.). Later, Reagan said he was prompted to hit Grenada to extirpate the "thugs."

zion (Chief of Zion), Rabbi Mordecai Eliyahu, whom the writer once interviewed in his home in Jerusalem. The rabbi's dwelling is a modest one and he is said to have refused to move to a more elegant home provided by the government. He is a 52-year-old native of Jerusalem. Weingarten says that the rabbi's phone kept ringing with shylock (queries people put to him).

The rabbi feels that the nascent Jewish republic is the first stage of the ultimate messianic gathering of all the Jewish people; hence he thinks that Jews ought to yet better acquainted with the land where their posterity will one day permanently dwell. He has several interesting ideas: one of them is that American Jews ought to proxy Israeli Jews to perform for them mitzvot which can only take place in the Holy Land, such as tithes and taxes on fruit. Another idea is that it would be well for every sight-seeing group to spend one day studying Torah, so that visitors will get acquainted not only with the topography of the land but the ideology of Judaism.

With respect to the matrilineal identity of Jewish children, Rabbi Eliyahu adamantly defends the traditional stance that the offspring of an unconverted

The Lox Box

The Last Word

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

Around our house, opinions regarding President Reagan's presidential capabilities are equally divided. My wife thinks he's performing admirably and I don't.



To illustrate this difference of opinion, I was busily engaged in trying to balance our budget one evening. And while I was writing checks, I was loudly lamenting the high cost of everything and the terrible effect of Reaganomics on the middle-income group.

My wife couldn't help overhearing my Moskowitz strident displeasure with our president's economic policies and as usual, she hurried over to defend him. "But most of these problems were initiated by former administrations. Why blame Reagan?"

"But whom else?" I retorted acidly. "Most of the fiscal woes have surfaced while he's in the White House."

At that point, my wife gave me one of her long suffering looks and said, "But, dear, if I remember correctly, you've also had trouble balancing our household budget under three previous presidents."

mother cannot be regarded as a Jew. Tradition has it that the priesthood (cohanim) is patrilineal, but religious identity must forever remain matrilineal.

U.S. refuses to do it. This evoked criticism from three Colorado Congressmen who recently visited the Jewish state, courtesy of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. Republican Representatives Dan Schaefer and Hank Brown and Democrat Ray Kogovsk returned from Israel, determined to nudge Washington to move its diplomatic offices to Jerusalem. "Where else in the world do we have our embassy that is not in the capital?" asked Schaefer. (The Forward)

Why Not?

Liberia (whose president was recently feted on an Israeli visit) has moved its embassy to Jerusalem. But the

Reagan Nixed

Gershon Jacobson, the editor of the *Algemeiner Journal* campaigned for Ronald Reagan, but he has become disenchanted with the President. In a strong editorial he reminds his readers that the answer to the question, why are American marines in Lebanon is that Reagan shipped them there primarily to spare the PLO from the Israelis.

Now other reasons are advanced for the retention of the marines. And why did Reagan invade Grenada? To liberate the country from terrorists. Reagan was asked, Jacobson says, by a group of Republican Jews why he put a stopper on Israeli moves to curb terrorism (so close to the borders of Israel) and yet felt justified in rooting out the

Sephardic Chief Rabbi

The two chief rabbis of Israel are friendly in contrast to the coolness which separated their predecessors. They visit the U.S. hand in hand.

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The General Assembly

Is there an answer to the plethora of workshops and meetings at the national convention of our organizations?

Evidently not.

The tragedy — and that is not too strong a word — is that every delegate to, for instance, the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Atlanta, missed out on sessions that would have fulfilled their needs as a Jew, much less as a Jewish leader.

It is like a university where you have the choice of hundreds of courses, but for each one you select, you must discard 100 others. But the analogy is not that perfect in the case of conventions.

To be more precise, there are some sessions we attended that drew perhaps 50-75 of the 3000 delegates but which were gems and would have provided riches for any Jewish audience. Some were educational and others were the kind where the information provided would be necessary for intelligent leadership — and that is what the G.A., as it is called, is all about.

So what is the answer?

In our growing up days in American Jewish community affairs, we once suggested, in view of the numerous national Jewish conventions — the Conservative Movement was meeting at the Concord Hotel at Lake Kiamesha at the same time as the G.A. — that they all be pooled and be held over a period of time in one location in order to save the wear and tear on the delegates. In view of what happens now at national conventions of all kinds, where there are numerous workshops, that suggestion would call for a month-long convention to cover all of them.

So the answer is that there is no answer.

However, convention planners should not pass over the problem. Some of the sessions at the G.A., especially those that drew maybe 25 people, need not have been scheduled. Not everything in the world can be covered in the few days allotted. We would not want to be the one to make the choices, but somewhere the line has been drawn anyway, and perhaps that line is too extensive, even though there may not be a happy medium.

As it was, at the general assembly, the opening night was Wednesday when Eli Wiesel held forth. But there were meetings that started Tuesday and the final session was Saturday night. What this does is limiting of the delegates to the rich, for with hotel rooms over \$100 a night, plus the one meal we were aware of — Friday night dinner at \$31 — only those who can afford the expense plus the four or five days off of work can attend.

Cop Out At The G.A.

The question of consensus is the big stumbling block to action on crucial issues which disturb the American Jewish community. This exercise is trotted out whenever it is necessary to take a stand as for instance at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations on two issues — settlements on the West Bank and the official discrimination in Israel against Reform and Conservatism.

Consensus can never be ascertained unless there is an almost unanimity, so the cop out can be used whenever the decision is to sit on the fence.

What happens is cases like this is not that no decision is made, for the decision-making is transferred to other national Jewish groups, those which may not be unaligned and have their own axes to grind.

The final harm is that both our friends and our enemies do not know where we stand, and the communication process is defeated before it can start.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR

Not having attended the last several General Assemblies of the Council of Jewish Federations, we can understand better the draw that they have on the veterans who attend year after year enjoying them like homecomings — at least that is the way we felt in Atlanta.

And also we got the impression that at last the community is going right to the guts of the problems it faces. No more trying to pacify various factions or even pussyfooting with problems. Everything was laid out bare and the discussions were hot and heavy but hardly bitter, except in one area, the Falasha.

But to get back to our original theme — look at these old friends we encountered — and see the validity of the theme of this chair.

Without trying to be selective or even in alphabetical or chronological order we got to say hello — and at a G.A. it can mean everything from a drink at the bar to breakfast or just a few minutes aside — to all the following and more. So here goes.

Phil Bernstein looking better than ever. Max Fisher a quiet but dominating figure, probably more friendly to the Jewish press and its editors than most. Chuck Hoffberger fulfilling the promise of more than 30 years ago when we first met him at his office in Baltimore. Al Chernin, who is a fixture at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and who comes out of Indianapolis. Ben-Zion Leuchter, who just isn't human, he works for all positive Jewish causes and is a maverick in that he isn't looking for koved, and his wife, Magda, who is just like him and your wife should be that willing to let her husband give so much of his life away to Jewish organizations. Harris Weston who I was ready to promote a few years back as a candidate for the presidency of the CJF but who declined my offer. Dan Thurz who tells me more than does his boss who lives only a few blocks from me about what goes on in B'nai B'rith.

Also Graenum Berger, who if 24,999 of the Falasha were in Israel out of the 25,000 still believed in Ethiopia, would be barnstorming around the country calling for a campaign to secure the freedom of that last Falasha. Nate Shapiro, who I met for the first time, and need a few months before we can place and categorize him, but who looks like the polo player he evidently isn't, but in a few years after that last of the 25,000 Falasha have been rescued, you can count on him taking over the lifting of the bars from Jews to emigrate from Russia, and it will be achieved, Andropov or whoever is still in charge in Moscow.

And Stuart Handmaker of Louisville who was just elected a vice president of CJF and holds the same position with the NCRAC and will advance to that presidency before anything else.

Yitz Greenberg, who reminded us of something we were not going to say in print, and was kind enough to say he'd write a couple of columns for us exclusively. We had recognized his creative thinking long ago and had asked him to write a weekly column for us. He seemed to agree, but knew that everything in The P-O is exclusive with us, and the column was produced and has made a profound effect on the Jewish community, but obviously isn't

in The P-O. He complimented us on the way we handled the statement by his wife, Blu, who we have to find a way to identify without connecting her to Yitz because she is a personality on her own in connection with women rabbis. Since Yitz is already out of our reach, we're making a public offer now for a column on Jewish women if Blu is interested. It would be a contribution to American Jewish life.

Then there were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barnett of Fort Worth, who have been subscribers to The Post and Opinion for oh these many years. He once took us to dinner in Fort Worth, and we wrote about the wine costing \$22 and the dinner for two the same amount. What that would cost today, we wouldn't want to guess. Mrs. Barnett is a Brachman, and that is a name to conjure with not only in Texas, but in the Jewish world. Louis spends much time in Israel where he has many holdings, and is a hunter and a fisherman, for a Jew.

Then there were our own staff people — Arlene Peck, our columnist who comes with talent and is so outspoken that she often alienates — not us — but some readers who like to keep things under the cover, and Janice Fine, a new stringer who did such a good job on that piece on a reaction by Blu Greenberg and others on the women as rabbis approval of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She's a stalwart in the American Association of Ethiopian Jews.

And oh so many rabbis, starting with Yaacov G. Rosenberg and Mordecai Waxman and just moving along, Rabbi Norman Lamm, Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, Rabbi Haskell Bernat, Rabbi Marc Liebhaber (he's a journalist now — The American Jewish World), Rabbi Michael Hecht, Rabbi David Stavsky, Rabbi Daniel Goldberger, Rabbi Paul Dubin, Rabbi Zalman Posner, Rabbi Carl Klein, and any of those on whom our memory has failed us.

Then there was Charles Goodall, of Tulsa, whom we asked to give our regards to Julius Livingston, Lewis Weinstein, of Boston, looking younger than ever, Shirley Goodman, who deserves more recognition than she is getting for setting up the first significant arrangement for support by a city — Cleveland — for those from it who have made aliyah, Herman and Mrs. Blumenthal, of Charlotte, N.C. who received the award for the significant achievement in that city whereby (you've read about it here) all the city's Jewish institutions from the Center to the Day School, to two of the congregations will be erected on one large 52-acre commons, and Morris Abram, who was back in his old stomping grounds — Atlanta were he got his start as an attorney and went on to the presidency of Brandeis University, and now heads the Council for Russian Jewry, and is as young looking as when those many years ago he was starting out in Atlanta.

THE PHOTOGRAPH OF Yitzhak Shamir in our issue of Nov. 16 on the Names in the News Page should have been explained that it was the one that appeared on the British poster offering a reward for his capture during the days when he was head of Lehi, the secret organization believed responsible for the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo.

JTSeminary Plans To Open Jerusalem School

By STANLEY STEINREICH
KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y.
(P-O) — The Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel will open the first rabbinical school for Conservative rabbis in that country in September.

DR. DAVID M. GORDIS, executive director of the Foundation and a vice president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, made the announcement at the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, here last week. The new school, said Gordis, will accept an average

of 10 students each year, and will initially occupy quarters in the Shoken Institute in downtown Jerusalem.

The school will only accept rabbinical candidates who are Israeli and who commit themselves to serving a Conservative congregation in Israel after their graduation.

RABBINICAL candidates will be expected to serve in Mesorati Movement in Israel, which is United Synagogue's Israeli arm. Currently, there are 39 affiliated congregations with a combined membership

of about 11,000.

"Unless it really becomes an indigenous Israeli movement and not simply an import product, Mesorati will go nowhere," said Rabbi Zachary I. Heller, chairman of the school's founding committee and spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Bayonne, N.J.

HELLER, who went on a fact-finding mission to Israel this past summer, said "There is an acceptability of Mesorati Judaism and desire for it." He insisted, however, that for Mesorati to be "truly" accepted, it needed to develop on its own.

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Rabbi Kaplan's Influence On Social Workers Related

Editor, POST and OPINION: Your Nov. 16 edition pays tribute to the venerable Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, who died at the age of 102. In various obituaries that I have read, no mention was made of the influential role he played in the education of scores of young social workers when he lectured at the long defunct Graduate School of Social Work where I was a student from 1930 to 1932. He did me the great honor of quoting from my Master's thesis in his book, *Judaism As A Civilization* when he brought his seminal concepts of Jewish life to the world's attention in 1935. He tested his manuscript with very critical students in the early 1930s.

One personal anecdote about Rabbi Kaplan is worth recounting. In 1979, when I was walking down a street in Jerusalem, I ran into the Rabbi shuffling along at the age of 98. I blocked his way. He lowered his glasses to the tip of his nose, looked at me and without even a Shalom, he asked: "Berger, are you writing?" I replied, "Yes." Then he blessed me with the prophetic

comment, "Then you will be remembered."

One other item worthy of note for you and your newspaper, both deeply concerned with the light of shrinking Ethiopian Jewry. Rabbi Kaplan was elected vice chairman of the American Pro-Falasha Committee at its annual meeting on March 17, 1931. Regrettably that Committee passed into limbo as American and world Jewry became more concerned with the serious condition facing European Jewry. In the intervening half century, half of Ethiopian Jewry has disappeared, just as half of Europe's Jewry experienced the tragic holocaust.

American Jews, who escaped the horrors of war and persecution in these intervening decades, always seem to be late in undertaking the strenuous measures necessary to prevent or at least lessen such catastrophes for our fellow Jews living abroad.

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A Judaism That Evolves Is Rebellion Of Torah

Editor, POST and OPINION: Articles and letters to the editor have appeared in the P-O from Conservative spokesmen, using two words incorrectly in discussing Halacha. The two words are, "evolutionary," and "revolutionary" (P-O, Nov. 2 1983 — Abraham Benayun M.D.; P-O Oct. 26, 1983 — Reprinted message from Jewish Theological Seminary). Both of these concepts, when dealing with Halacha are "revolutionary," a rebellion against the Torah.

While revelation is an arrogant belief of the potency of the human mind, evolution is an attempt to render G-d's omniscience impotent. Is G-d not capable of writing a guide to life which has no time barrier? G-d created time and is not bound by its limitations. Our eternal G-d gave us an eternal law. We adjust our lives to that eternal Torah. We do not adjust the Torah to the ephemeral whims of the human imagination.

Allowing a Kohen to marry a divorced woman, which is clearly prohibited by the Torah (Leviticus 21) is per-

missible according to the Conservative leadership. Is this how halacha "evolves"? Can evolution erase a verse written by G-d? Why can't the Conservative leadership be honest and just say as the Reform leadership has said, "We are purely eclectic... we pick and choose what we like and scrap the rest." (Reform leader quoted by Robert Gordis, *Judaism*, April 1952). You don't like Leviticus 21:6, and you have scrapped it. You don't like other Torah laws so you have scrapped them. Why hide behind the word "halacha" and then destroy its true meaning with evolution, revelation, etc.?

One of the cornerstones of Jewish beliefs is the concept of "Free Will." We have a Torah, we can accept it or we can reject it (of course, one must accept the consequences of his decision). Accept or reject, but please let us not distort.

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vices at Temple Aaron in St. Paul. He pitched shutouts in the fifth and seventh game to see his Dodgers win four games to three over Minneapolis.

Rabbi Kaplan Among Famous CCNY Grads

Editor, POST and OPINION: I have read the obituary of Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan in the Nov. 16 issue of The Jewish Post and Opinion.

There is one serious omission. Mordecai M. Kaplan graduated from City College of New York (CCNY) in 1900. This institution of learning gave us such great Jews as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, five Nobel Prize winners — all Jewish — and many more prominent on the American scene.

Graduating with Mordecai M. Kaplan in 1900 was the great teacher of philosophy, Morris Rayfield Cohen, who in later years occasionally attended services at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism when his classmate conducted services.

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Dr. Sherry Wins Heart Award

PHILADELPHIA — Dr. Sol Sherry, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Temple University has been selected as the recipient of the 1983 American Heart Association's Distinguished Achievement Award.

Tunisia Synagogue Torched

The synagogue at Zarzis in Southern Tunisia became a victim of arsonists as the building as well as the Torah were destroyed. About 100 Jews out of Tunisia's population of 3-4000 Jews live in the village.

Solving Palestinian Issue No Insurance

Editor, POST and OPINION: What utter self-hating, irrational and false nonsense issued from the pen of Sid Resnick (P-O, Nov. 2). He writes, "What Jew... can honestly say that... Begin and now Shamir does not deny justice to the Palestinian people?" He goes on to complain that Jews are oppressing the Palestinian Arabs. Is there an Arab country in which Arabs live better than those in Judea and Samaria? In which country do Arabs have any rights and freedoms? Where in the Arab world are the standards of literacy, health and even freedom of movement higher?

There is no greater oppression of Arabs than their own brothers. Yes, Mr. Resnick, there are Jews who "can honestly say" that the Government of Israel does not deny justice to the Palestinian people.

Does Mr. Resnick know any of the "religious fanatics" of whom he writes. Has he been to their settlements? Does he really know anything at all about their relationships with the Arabs? Why is an Arab with a claim to the land considered oppressed while a Jew with such a claim is a "religious fanatic."

Reform's Joining King March Preserves Ties With Blacks

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The American-Jewish community owes the national movement of Reform Judaism a debt of gratitude which it will probably never offer.

Until the days immediately prior, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was practically the first, and almost the only, Jewish organization publicly endorsing and supporting the Aug. 27 Twentieth Anniversary of the March on Washington. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, was one of the convenors. The Jewish War Veterans, which had earlier endorsed the March, later repudiated its stand. To my knowledge they never returned, even after it became "safe" to do so. Courage brothers! The New Jewish Agenda also joined early in sponsorship. I liked what they said, "Our Agenda will be determined by our ethics, not by our enemies." The American Jewish Congress added their name ten days before the March.

It was the UAHC which, as a result of arduous negotiations with Coretta King and Rep. Walter Fauntroy, co-chairs of the day, extracted promises from them to keep anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian rhetoric and placards out of the day's events. The promise was kept. As a result, the nation and the world was spared that ugliness.

When first approached to become co-sponsors, most Jewish organizations either refused to endorse or "ducked, bobbed and weaved" their way around granting their support.

Some even went so far as to use, as an excuse, the fact that the March was being held on Shabbat. What Hypocrisy. For several years, most of those same organizations have been holding business sessions and conventions on Shabbat.

It was the UAHC which, by its courageous action, by refusing to knuckle under to Jewish organizational pressure, not only gave the Jewish community visibility at the March (Rabbi Schindler delivered the closing prayer) but also preserves what is left of the Black-Jewish relationship in this country. It further preserved the visibility of an American-Jewish community's presence in the civil rights community. Al Vorspan, vice president of the UAHC and director of its Social Action Commission, asked the right questions:

"...Will Jewish groups ever again be able to be a part of broadbased coalitions if we require a 100 percent certified kosher rating for every organization in the coalition? Are we painting ourselves into a corner of irrelevance in American life? And what interest does our splendid isolation serve?"

Another reason why it is important to have and to support the national arm of our Reform movement — the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Is there a Peace Now movement in any Arab country? Is there one iota of concern in the Arab world for the Palestinians? Why do they allow them to continue to live in refugee camps for 35 years?

Mr. Resnick writes, "it would be much better for Israel to seek a peaceful settlement with the Palestinians..." With whom? Every Arab leader who has entertained the notion of peace with Israel has been assassinated as a traitor to the Arab cause.

The fact is, that there is an oppressed people in the Middle East and they are the Jewish citizens of Israel. The Arab world has been dedicated to its destruction from its genesis and they have not given up that goal. That is the simple truth. If the so-called Palestinian question was solved tomorrow, it would no more in-

sure peace than it did when Samaria and Judea were in Arab hands for 19 years.

When will Jews stop believing that they can score points with anti-Semites by espousing their causes? Our recent history ought to have forcefully brought home to us the utter futility of such thinking.

The fact that Jews are isolated, even despised, is not a new phenomenon in our history. It ought to serve as a unifying factor among our people. Instead, Mr. Resnick pillories the victim, the government of Israel, and urges it to commit suicide, so that Israel will no longer be "an isolated country beholden to the U.S."

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Tour For Dentists Thinking Aliyah

NEW YORK — For the price of a reduced El Al round-trip ticket from New York, Dentists who may have thoughts of making aliyah to Israel can join a two to three-week tour of Israel where they will visit dental clinics, make contacts with dentists and have appointments with prospective

employers. While there is one dentist for every 1,500 persons in America, there is only one dentist for 6,000 people in Israel.

The Israel Aliyah Center, 515 Park Ave., New York City, 10022 is sponsoring the tour starting Dec. 26.

BP Hadassah Plans Hanukkah Luncheon

Members of the business and professional group of Hadassah will celebrate Hanukkah with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, at the Park Central Club House.

The cost of the luncheon is \$3.50 with a \$1.00 gift exchange. Mrs. Bonnie Goff, president, will greet the guests to be followed by the traditional

candle-lighting ceremony. Members have been seeking tickets for its fundraising project. A \$520 beautiful print, limited edition will be awarded as well as two other prizes.

Reservations must be made by calling Sarah Lazarus, 251-6145 or Esther Kaufman, 251-5928. All paid-up members are invited to attend.

Dr. Lococque Gives 3 Talks In Hammond

HAMMOND — Three talks by Dr. Andre Lococque will feature the Scholar-in-Residence Hanukkah weekend sponsored by the Sisterhood of Beth Israel Congregation.

His first talk at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, will be on the subject, "The Maccabees: The First Jewish War of Independence." It will be pre-

ceded by a service welcoming the Sabbath at 6:30 p.m. and a Hanukkah dinner an hour later.

At services at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, Dr. Lococque will talk on "The Silence of G-d" followed by lunch and his final speech on "The Messianic Expectation in Judaism and Christianity."

Obituaries

David Falender Succumbs At 77

Death at the age of 77 came last Wednesday to David Falender, who operated a number of Falender grocery stores on the westside and auto dealerships in Muncie and Anderson, and then sold appliances for L.S. Ayres and Co., Ayr-Way stores and finally at Lazarus department stores.

He attended Butler University.

Rabbi Jonathan Stein and Jonathan Adland conducted funeral services Sunday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary Assisted by Cantor Rogers. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery South.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Herman, and a son, Stanford Falender, Olympia Fields, Ill.

Mike Pousman New Director Of Fort Wayne Federation

FORT WAYNE — Robert Goldstone, president of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, has announced the appointment of Mike Pousman to the position of executive director. Mr. Pousman comes to Fort Wayne from Knoxville, TN, where he served as executive director of the Aronstein Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Pousman is a graduate of Georgia State University and received his law degree from the University of Tennessee Law School. He began his social work career in Miami, where he was the director of the Florida Hadassah Youth Commission for three years. He was then appointed executive director for the Southern Hadassah

Youth Commission based in Atlanta. He worked with 1,600 young people in eight Southern states and directed Camp Judean in Hendersonville, NC, in the intervening summers.

He also served on the staff of the Jerusalem Institute in Jerusalem for one year, serving as the group supervisor for 20 college freshmen on an academic tour abroad program.

Mike is married and his wife, Cynthia, is presently a microbiology researcher at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Their son, Zachary, is five and one half years old and is in kindergarten. The Pousmans are expecting their second child in March.

Elinor Nathan Is Buried Here

Funeral services were held for Elinor Rothenberg Nathan Sunday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, with Cantor Robert Zalkin conducting. She died Thursday at Boca Raton, Fl. at the age of 62. Burial was in Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North.

She and her late husband, Leonard, owned Peacock's of Indianapolis from 1952 to 1977 and later she operated Peacock's of Boca Raton.

She was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation and the Sisterhood, and Hadassah. She attended Butler University and the University of Alabama.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandi Silver, North Miami Beach, and her mother, Louise Rothenberg, North Miami Beach and a granddaughter.

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Norm Weisman

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Ladies and Gentlemen, try this on my say-so? When you "read" this, start singing "Frankie and Johnnie" right now, and you will feel real good while singing! Try it! "Frankie and Johnnie were sweethearts!"

Attention: Indys Jewish Singles Club — mark Dec. 9 for the Connection Happy Hour at Houlihan's at Glendale! Call the Center for more info! FLASH! If someone asks you what your idea of civilization is — just say, "Somebody ought to start it!"

Personal to all sports fans of the Pacers! I want to make a "prediction" (I'm going to stick my neck out) that starting around Jan. 6-8, the Pacers will be among the most improved teams in the league! Knowing Mel and Herb Simon, the owners, and how proud they are of the Pacer team — it will be "go-go-go Pacers"! Just get on the bandwagon and follow the team through the season! And remember, the Pacers will not let you down! This is my prediction! Joke! Hear about the fellow who fell into the lens grinder, and made a "spectacle" of himself? (I can't "see" that joke either!)

This story concerns a large company which required an economic adviser! The managing director decided he needed a well-qualified economist, but it must be someone with only one arm! A number of candidates were interviewed; many had high qualifications but all were turned down because they had two arms! At last, one of them asked him: "What does it matter? Why do you insist on a one-armed economic adviser?" "Because I am sick and tired of getting advice which begins 'On the one hand this and on the other hand that...'"

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Old Ligonier Temple Designated Landmark

LIGONIER — For the second time in the past four years a Jewish landmark here has been placed on the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places as the former Ahavas Shalom temple was designated. In 1979, the Jacob Straus home, 210 S. Main St., received a similar recognition.

THE FIRST JEWS, German immigrants, Frederick Straus and Solomon Mier, came to Ligonier in the mid-1850s. By 1865 40-45 Jewish families, all related to the first Jewish settlers, had arrived in Ligonier.

Ahavas Shalom (Lovers of Peace) was founded in 1865 with the first services conducted in homes. The first rabbi was Jacob Baum, a relative of the Straus family.

A small synagogue was built around 1867 at a cost of \$15,000 with the Torahs brought from Germany for the dedication.

THE DEDICATION of the new temple in 1889 was an event for the entire Ligonier community — Jewish and Gentile alike.

The temple was dedicated by Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, Cincinnati.

Many dignitaries from area counties who were not Jewish, attended the service, enhancing the special day for the members. The Ligonier Military Band furnished music for the event.

AMONG THE items donated to the church were the

beautiful stained glass windows (by the Mier, Wertheimer, Schloss and Straus families), a marble slab with the Ten Commandments on it and an eternal light. The light currently hangs in the Lake-side Congregation for Reform Judaism in Highland Park, Ill.

The Jews of Ligonier were leading citizens of their community — bankers and merchants — and prospered.

THE TEMPLE served as the center of their religious life. Many followed the strict religious customs in their early years in Ligonier. The rabbi would prepare the kosher poultry and would also go to the stockyards and butcher the cattle so they were kosher.

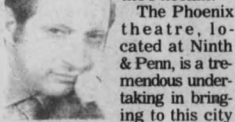
Many families observed the tradition of separating meat and dairy products at meals.

THERE WAS a sharp decline in the Jewish population in Ligonier when the educated young people began to settle in larger cities in the early 1900s. By 1920 there were only about 20 Jewish families left in Ligonier compared to 60 in 1890.

The congregation was served by rabbis and lay leaders until around 1949, when only 14 members remained. The last Jewish resident, Durbin Mier, grandson of one of the original settlers, died recently.

The old temple is now owned by Trinity Assembly of God Church.

Indianapolis should have a theatre like the Phoenix. Indianapolis needs a theatre like the Phoenix.



The Phoenix theatre, located at Ninth & Penn, is a tremendous undertaking in bringing to this city.

Epstein a totally new concept in community theatre and contemporary drama. Their current production is *Warp*, a science fiction comedy, which is generously underwritten by the Humana Women's Hospital.

The evening started out with a before-the-show curtain speech by the elegant and beautiful Beth Greene who got everyone in the mood for the play and who incidentally made the necessary pitch for support of the Phoenix. Having the audience hold hands symbolized the solidarity of the project.

Then the massive produc-

tion began with its many special effects which were enjoyed by all. It proves what can be done on stage with imagination and ingenuity.

Warp is the story of a somewhat milkop who gets transformed into a courageous hero in another dimension. Part I, which is playing now, is subtitled, *I, My Battlefield, My Body*. As the story continues episode II is *Unleashed! Unchained!* The concluding episode (III) is *To Die...Alive*.

Wonderful imagination is housed at the Phoenix. The costumes are extraordinary. The designs of the scantily clad females deserve recognition. Other costumes as well is worth noting.

But the show belongs to the magic and scorchery of the special effects which were most impressive. At least 4 slide projectors were used in the house. How most of the illusions were done is still a mystery to me.

The weakest part of the

show seemed to be the acting. What appeared on stage was a bunch of kids playing *Star Wars* and hamming it up. German accents were so thick they couldn't be understood. And why do villains and aliens have to speak with accents when friends and heroes do not?

The script pokes fun at science fiction. So if you are looking for a Heinlein or Bradbury or Serling quality you will be disappointed. What *Warp* is is a clumsy comic book on stage. It is funny in its own way and enjoyable if one does not have great expectations.

To finish the evening I looked at my watch upon leaving the theatre. It was exactly 1 1/2 hours since I entered and I was now on the street. With the price of admission at \$8 and \$9 it certainly would be considered an extremely short evening of entertainment. You just start getting accustomed to this fairyland when the show is over and you have to leave.

Critic's Corner By Charles Epstein

The Phoenix Rises Downtown

Herb And Potato To Appear At Cabaret

Gary Herb and Johnny Potato, collectively known as Herb and Potato, will bring their special brand of outrageous topical comedy to the Cabaret at the Indiana Repertory Theatre November 29 through December 23. The musical duo sing, tell jokes, and even tap dance.

Drawing from current events and faces in the news, Herb and Potato have musically lampooned such targets as Hollywood morals, cleanliness fanatics, and beer-swilling good ol' boys. The two have written a new holiday show specifically for their IRT engagement.

Herb and Potato performed

in the Cabaret for three weeks last February; their show sold out frequently during the later part of that engagement. Anticipation of their holiday return is already high and one-third of the tickets are already sold for their December Cabaret booking.

Mele Kalikimaka: A Hawaiian Christmas From Herb

and Potato plays in the IRT Cabaret November 29 through December 23. Although many performances are already sold out, tickets are still available throughout the run. For tickets or further information, please call the IRT box office at 635-5252, or stop by the theatre at 140 West Washington Street.

Endelman To Read Paper In New York

BLOOMINGTON — Todd Endelman, associate professor of modern Jewish history at Indiana University, will discuss "The Social and Political Determinants of Conversion in Germany and Eng-

land, 1870-1914" at an all-day conference on "Apostates and Missionaries: An Historical Perspective" at Yeshiva University in New York on Sunday.

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HANUKKAH AT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — The 5th grade class from Beth-El Zedeck poses with the handmade quilt they made for the Hanukkah exhibit at The Children's Museum.

The class installed the exhibit of Hanukkah memorabilia with the help of their teachers, Beverly Brown and Suzanne Micon. The exhibit will be on display at the museum through Jan. 9.

Puppeteer To Feature Services At Beth-El

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck will celebrate Hanukkah with a unique family service at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 when Marilyn Price, famous puppeteer from Chicago, will present "The Year the Candles Went on Strike" and "Hannele - A Shabbat Tale." Ms. Price is a teacher at National

College of Education and has been affiliated with the Chicago Art Institute. She is president of the Chicago Puppetry Guild.

Beth-El Zedeck children's choirs, the Chiribim and the Shir Ami, will provide Hanukkah songs with the participation of the entire Congregation.

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City Of Hope Plans A Hanukkah Party

The annual Hanukkah party of the Indianapolis Chapter of the City of Hope Medical and Research Center set for 8 p.m. Saturday at Ralf's Deli, will be for members only.

A Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony and surprises are on the program. The traditional latkes and other delicacies for the holiday will be served.

Hosts in charge of hospitality and program are Marion and Archie Aronstam, David and Libby Fogle, and Ben and Yettie Bornstein. For information, please call at 251-9614 or 251-8019.

2 Cantors Sing At Evansville Sun.

EVANSVILLE — A delightful evening of music featuring Cantors Regina Heit and Edward Fogel has been arranged for 8 p.m. Sunday by the Bronstein Committee of Temple Adath B'nai Israel.

The program will include both religious and secular selections, and will be followed by a reception. Cantor Fogel is serving Congregation Shaare Emeth in St. Louis.

Gisela — Parties That Were

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The day after the wedding, grandparents of the bride, Bert and Sam Fine and aunt and uncle, Barbara and Sidney Newburger, gave a brunch along with Joan and Walter Wolf in the Wolf home. The new Mr. and Mrs. Scheidt attended all parties except the one at the Wolf home, because at that time they were on their way to Barbados.

will open in 1984 in Los Angeles. It is going to be a school of computer science and robotics. The first American school, which opened in New York in 1979, to teach unemployable men and women sellable skills and trades, places 100% of its students to jobs after graduation.

GETTING TO KNOW: Recently returned from the national convention of Women's American ORT in Los Angeles were Sue Butcher, Ann Koche, Joyce Kleinman, Ellen Katzman, Carol Steinfeld, and Eileen Schankerman. They learned that the second American ORT school

LA CHAYIM! A group of close friends gathered on Nov. 19 to celebrate the 75th birthday of Leo Klausner at the Lotus Garden Restaurant, to surprise him with a lovely evening dinner and birthday cake. Among the guests was Sara, his wife with whom he has spent 53 happy years together.

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